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Lessons Taught During the Air Raids

How wonderfully God makes even the wrath of men to praise Him, and the very things which the enemy intends for the destruction of the children of God He turns into fulness of joy, praises be to His holy name!

The first time in my life that I had any experience of an air raid came to me as a startling surprise. I was returning from a visit to one of God's dear people who lives some little distance away, when, as I turned the corner of the road where our house is situated, about 10:45 p. m., I heard a most terrific report from a gun which was situated on a hill in the neighborhood. Instantly I surmised what it meant, and as I reached my home my daughter and granddaughter came running out asking, "What is it? What is it?" I answered, "It is an air raid. Let us come inside and afresh put ourselves under the precious blood of Jesus." So we knelt and definitely placed ourselves in that safe resting place, and I knew for a certainty that we were as safe as ever the children of Israel were when the blood of the little slain lamb was sprinkled upon the lintel and the door posts. I could not see it neither could the neighbors, but Satan knew it was there, and dared not break through that mighty barrier. So the dear Lord kept us calm and peaceful in the midst of all the uproar, and gave us blessed opportunities of witnessing to the people round about of His power to save and to keep under all circumstances.

A short time elapsed and then another warning that another raid was expected, this time in the daylight. Presently we heard the droning of the engines belonging to the enemy aircraft, and looking up out of a window they could be seen quite clearly—about 30 of them spreading out fan shape in the sky. As I looked I was suddenly filled with a most exultant gladness in the mighty power of the Lord over all those instruments of destruction, and that it was not possible for anyone of them to do us any damage, because the house and all belonging to the household were under the precious blood. I seemed to see and feel the Satanic power which was behind the aeroplanes, and my heart was filled with ecstatic joy and my mouth with laughter as I realized in a

most wonderful way the almighty power of God which was more than a match for Satan and all his works. I could only ejaculate as I looked at the foe amid all the din of roaring guns and bursting shrapnel, "Oh, glory be to Jesus! He is King of kings and Lord of lords! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Oh

PRESIDENT WILSON'S OWN WORDS.

"The Bible is the Word of Life. I beg that you will read it and find this out for yourselves—read, not little snatches here and there, but long passages that will really be the road to the heart of it.

"You will not only find it full of real men and women, but also of things you have wondered about and been troubled about all your life, as men have been always, and the more you read the more it will become plain to you what things are worth while and what are not; what things make men happy—loyalty, right dealings, speaking the truth, readiness to give everything for what they think their duty, and, most of all, the wish that they may have the real approval of the Christ, who gave everything for them; and the things that are guaranteed to make men unhappy—selfishness, cowardice, greed, and everything that is low and mean.

"When you have read the Bible you will know that it is the Word of God, because you will have found it the key to your own heart, your own happiness, and your own duty.

"Woodrow Wilson."

Praise the Lord! for His majesty and power overrule all the wicked devices of man." Presently they passed over and were gone, dealing death and destruction as they went, and not so very far away from us either, but "It shall not come nigh thee" still holds good. Surely the 91st Psalm was specially written for the real children of God in these days, and "Thou shalt not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the

arrow that flieth by day" has a new meaning now for the trusting heart.

Another interval of quietness, and then late at night another visitation. The noise was truly appalling to the soul not trusting in Jesus; the boom, booming of the guns, and the noise of other bombs, too, the one hardly distinguishable from the other to untrained ears, went on, with short lulls between, for some hours. It was getting very late, or rather early in the morning and we were all getting tired when the Lord showed me to quietly ignore all that was going on, to make some cocoa for the shivering household (for the night was very cold) and then go to bed, and I could only marvel at the perfect peace and quietness which possessed my spirit as I went about preparing the meal, and I could only praise and wonder at the marvellous power of God that could keep me quietly stirring that cocoa, and cutting that bread under such circumstances. When my mind went back to the wreck I was 30 years ago when my nerves were in such an awful state that I could not bear the rustling of a bit of paper, or a duster put over the furniture, and now when the firing of the guns, and the noise and confusion everywhere did not move me at all, I could only exclaim "What hath God wrought!"

Another spell of peace, and then another experience. This time the trouble came in the late evening, and the Lord said, "You are not looking up at the enemy overhead, My child, but you are seated with Me in the heavenlies looking down on all the tumult and destruction, this is your home and resting place, see that you abide here, for you are a citizen of this country." Oh, what a revelation! Not that I did not know it before, but to literally realize the position. Oh, glory to Jesus! What a wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord!

So here I stay, and here are the four lessons my Lord caused me to learn in the power of the Spirit in these terrible times of trial and danger. Firstly, peace in the midst of storm. Secondly, exultant gladness in the power of the Lord over all the power of the enemy. Thirdly, to ignore all that the enemy was doing and attend to my duties as usual; and, Fourthly, showing me that I had nothing to do with any of it but was far above it all with Himself in the glory. May these practical lessons help some of God's dear children to tread the pathway of faith more firmly, and giving all the glory to God.—Yours in His love and glad service, M. Martin, London, England.

A GREAT CHANGE AND WHY

Since about 1901 the Pentecostal people have been spreading the Gospel news of the outpouring of the Holy Ghost in these last days. Their first paper was the Apostolic Faith, published at Houston, Texas. This was a free paper, paid for by free-will offerings. The editor and those who mailed them out served without any salary. Finally this was moved to Malvern, Ark., and became an entered subscription paper, with Bro. E. N. Bell as editor, and later combined with the Word and Witness, which God greatly prospered, it reaching a circulation regularly of 25,000 and a special edition reached 60,000 or more. Finally the Weekly Evangel came in and was adopted and the Word and Witness combined with it.

A Great Burden.

At Malvern Bro. Bell received no pay out of funds received for the paper; the Malvern Assembly graciously met most of his needs, though nearly all his time was given to the paper work. For quite a while, besides his preaching to this assembly, he gave free fourteen hours a day to the paper and office work. The burden became too great and others had to help. Brothers Flower, Welch and Frodsham have all been under this burden. Without exception every one of them have soon been overloaded and very heavily burdened.

The Cause of This.

The main cause of all this is that the Pentecostal literature sent out by us **never has paid expenses**. In the early days receivers paid nothing, unless they were moved to make a free-will offering. Always we have trusted God to enable us to send the paper to the poor and to the missionaries. Since the beginning of the war in 1914, paper and materials have generally doubled in price, and in some things tribbled. Help in the office costs more. All this increased the burden. For several years the Weekly Evangel at \$1.00 a year for 50 issues has run short about \$5,000 in paying expenses. This annual shortage is the cause mainly of these burdens on the brethren.

Why We Handle Books.

Of course in handling books and Bibles we are doing it primarily to meet the needs of the brethren and to serve them to the glory of God. But there is besides this a real and terrible necessity upon us to increase the income of the house so as to cover this loss of \$5,000 above mentioned. For years all profits on books, all offerings to the plant and such like have been poured into this \$5,000 hole to fill it up, a loss of \$5,000 given in service and materials above what we received for the Evangel.

Shortage Last Year.

Last year besides all earnings and besides all small offerings the house would have been \$2,500 or \$3,000 in the hole, had not the Lord sent us in one large lump a gift of \$3,000. It is not reasonable to expect God to send in every year such a large single gift. Some steps are therefore sorely needed to be taken to somewhat close up this \$5,000 gap made by this difference between what the Evangel costs and what we received for it.

The Agreement.

Recently we called together all seven of the Executive Presbyters to solve this long standing problem. They felt if the brethren really knew that we were giving them twice as many issues of the Evangel as their dollar paid for, that every reasonable, loving, loyal child of God would themselves urge us not to send the Evangel out to them below cost by half, and would gladly agree we should send them not over 26 issues per year for their dollar. Nearly all secular coun-

ty papers, that once were \$1.00 per year, are now \$1.50 per year on account of increased cost of materials. But the Evangel on better paper, many more pages, without secular advertisements to help, published, too, in magazine style, folded, wire-stitched with edges nicely trimmed, costs fully twice that of these \$1.50 papers. The Evangel every week would be cheaper at \$3.00 per year than these cheap papers now are at \$1.50. But to put the Evangel up to \$2 or \$3 a year would certainly put it out of reach of many of God's poor saints, which we are determined not to do, and it would greatly decrease the thousands of Evangelists going out, thereby injuring our usefulness for God and also losing all in dollars, very likely, which some might think would be gained by such a raise. So the Executive Presbyters have unanimously advised us not to raise the price, but to cut down, during the war-time prices, from 50 issues per year to 26 per year. This will greatly help if all subscribers will continue to renew. So then, dear brethren and subscribers, we shall soon begin sending you the Evangel every other week, bi-weekly, instead of weekly. The paper remains the same price. Two Sunday School lessons will be published in each paper, so you will not miss a Sunday, until such time as we can publish Sunday School quarterlies.

If Not Satisfied.

All new subscribers will be sent 26 issues per year and the same to all present subscribers who are willing for us to do so, who do not write us an objection. But as we took your subscription when you expected 50 issues per year, if you are not willing to share this burden with us, then at once you write us so, and we will extend your subscription from one year to two years so you will get 50 copies for your dollar. But you must write us at once, or we shall take it for granted you are glad to get only what the dollar pays for. Many other Pentecostal papers only give 12 copies per year for \$1.00. Some of these are still more costly than ours. But we still give more than twice that number for \$1.00 per year, hardly cost yet.

Business Really Better.

The volume of our business the past winter and the volume of money received has increased over the previous winter about one-third, a blessed and remarkable increase. We are not losing an inch, but blessedly growing and increasing. If materials had increased only one-third, we would be all right, but in some cases materials, and unavoidable expenses as a result, have increased three times over. So then not lack of growth but increase in cost of materials, even faster than a splendid growth, is the trouble. Now let us praise God for the splendid increase and not murmur over war prices which we cannot help. The Evangel is bringing in now at a rate of \$25,000 per year for missions. If this is counted the Evangel nets \$15,000 or \$20,000 per year for God and His glory. On its own expenses it loses, but for God and His cause it is a mighty paying investment. What increases the Evangel's expenses is that it bears the loss in exchange on all missionary checks, pays all the book keeping for missionary funds and such like. The Evangel is a great missionary enterprise, paying immense dividends not to itself but to the cause of and to the glory of God. Hallelujah! Hence we cannot do without it. It must go gloriously on!

All Subscribers Needed.

If we lose one single subscriber because of this change, it will hurt us and hurt the missionaries whose letters in the

Evangel you'll miss. We need you every one. You will, I am sure, renew and stay with us and help us in this great work for God. This is your enterprise, your work, your Publishing House, not ours at all. We are simply here to serve you and to please God. When you buy a book of us we do not make money off of you, for we often sell you lower than other houses would. We make our money in a discount the printer of the book gives us as a wholesale price, which wholesale price they will not give you. So we help you and help God's cause through the other fellow's discount to us. So come on with your renewals and your orders for goods, and let us glorify God together. The business side of this is only and solely to pay actual expenses while doing this work for God.

A Great Campaign.

We are going, the Lord willing, into a great campaign for expansion in the things of God. This is the order of the Lord. He says, "Pull up the stakes, lengthen the cords and go forward." We must obey God. If you will each and all help us to get 10,000 new subscribers, then from 30,000 to 50,000 new readers will be blessed, for from 3 to 5 persons read every paper. If 30,000 or 50,000 new readers are added, that many more will read the missionary letters, and as a result we could look for the missionaries to get through the Evangel \$20,000 more, which is sorely needed and which will mean the salvation of many more souls. We can easily add 10,000 subscribers, if every present subscriber and every preacher will just half try. Won't you? Yes, I know you will. Come on now and let us go at it! Glory to God! Amen!

The Plan.

For every new name and address with 50 cents which you send us from now till July 1, 1918, we will send the Evangel biweekly the rest of this year. That makes it free from now to July 1, in order to get 10,000 new subscribers. Those who will work at this as agents for the glory of God can send for a roll of 10 free samples. Send to the Gospel Publishing House, 2838 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

THE SECRET OF PRAYER

"Men ought always to pray, and not to faint."

If we pray we do not faint, for prayer strengthens faith and maintains trust, and if we trust we do not fear, for waiting upon God strengthens the heart and inspires courage. So when tempted to faint, always pray. But if we neglect prayer we are in danger of distrusting God and sinking into some horrible pit of faintheartedness and despondency.

Therefore to learn the secret of true prayer and to acquire the habit of perpetual prayer is of vital importance to one who would be a good soldier of Jesus Christ. When faced with serious difficulties and no visible means of deliverance presenting itself, *never lose sight of Jesus*, but remember what great things He hath done for you in the past, when passing through similar trials. Has the Lord ever failed you yet? Has He not ever proved Himself better to you than your fears? Use such thankful remembrances when speaking to Him in prayer, and you will find hope and courage revive. Like pearls in the midst of your tears will words such as these be brought to your remembrance, "It is of the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not, they are new every morning, great is thy faithfulness."

Always cherish a living sense of *God's faithfulness*. Be assured it is *prayer which keeps this fire of heavenly comfort burning*.

Praying breath in this sense is never spent in vain. It is what blowing of the bellows is to the furnace, when resorted to by the tempted soul, for it keeps alive and fans to a more fervent flame the thankful remembrance of all His marvellous loving kindness. "Why art thou cast

down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance. Psalm 42:5.

It is important to have set times for secret prayer. To get alone with God. Go into some quiet chamber, shut the door, kneel in prayer. The outward attitude helps the inward. The initial act of prayer means effort. By determined force of will turn away from things that hinder time being set apart for prayer. Yield to the inward promptings of the Holy Spirit, until prayer becomes a habit. Tarry before God in the privacy of your own room, until filled with the unction of His Spirit. Then go forth into the world, with the sense of His presence fresh within and upon you. At all times and in all places watch unto prayer, having entered through the *outer gates*, thy Beloved will bring you through the *interior gates* even into the secret chambers of His presence. Then as you follow on to know Him, you will enjoy the gift of waiting upon your God continually in your going out and coming in, lying on your bed at night, you will commune with Him in your heart and be still. And so He will lead you on into more advanced degrees of the life of prayer. When the desire of the heart is too deep for words, the Spirit helping your infirmities, it is then the mysteries of Divine love are opened to the inner soul and spirit, in that which passeth knowledge, so you will know more and more the comfort of the Holy Ghost, find consolation in Christ, good cheer in tribulation, grace to endure suffering and overcome the world, the flesh and the devil. *This means power for service*, for the soul thus secretly sustained and strengthened will be a spiritual force for good wherever he goes. A heart so full of Christ will be a blessing to others, because of the fragrance of his life and testimony.

True prayer and the Holy Spirit are inseparable. Luke 11:1-3 should be prayerfully studied along with Luke 18. It is the Holy Spirit who has been at work with the soul all along. The end of all His dealings with us is that we may be filled with Himself, and endued with power from on high. The end of true prayer is not to rest in God's gifts, but in God Himself, who is the Giver of every good and perfect gift, for if we are God possessed we have ALL THINGS, for all things are yours if ye are Christ's. The Holy Spirit is the needy soul's "*cruse of oil*." Unsuspected wealth lies hidden in the heart where Christ dwells by faith, and this is the cordial which comforts and revives the drooping soul. Going to God in prayer when in distress causes the hidden well of the Spirit to spring up afresh and shed abroad in the heart the comfort of His love.

When a man gets on fire for the Lord, he must be careful to get fuel for his fire to burn,—and the right kind of fuel. Otherwise his fire will turn wildly and without helpfulness to any one. But on the other hand there are those who have plenty of fuel, and fuel of the right sort, yet who are not burning it; and their fuel does neither themselves nor any one else good. A Christian preacher has said keenly, of spiritual fire and fuel: "Fire without fuel has given us fanaticism. Fuel without fire has chilled us with formalism. But fuel on fire, harnessed and handled with heaven-sent wisdom by the Spirit, generates the forces to light and move the machinery of the church." The Word of God is the best fuel for us to feed our heaven-given fire. That, with commonsense, will keep us from fanaticism. But years of thoroughgoing study of the Word of God, WITHOUT the fire that comes only through the surrender of the life to His mastery, will neither light nor warm ourselves or others. May we let our Lord bring His fuel and His fire together in our life,—that others may see a burning bush that is not consumed.—Sunday School Times.

A Plea For a National Day of Prayer

The beginning of the month of August, 1914, found me in Switzerland; and when war was declared, in common with 200,000 of my compatriots, I was, metaphorically speaking, a prisoner. The Swiss Government was mobilizing its military forces; and for a period of several days, foreigners were not permitted to depart from the country. A rumor that the Germans might attempt to pass through Switzerland in order to reach France caused me some uneasiness. In the waiting time, one day, the Spirit whispered to me distinctly these words, which were repeated again and again:

"When you see these things begin to come to pass, look up, lift up your heads; for your Redemption draweth nigh."

My heart was comforted. The Italian frontier was guarded so I could not return to England by the Mediterranean, nor could I pass the border into France; but now as I meditated on these words, "Look up, lift up your head, for your Redemption draweth nigh," it seemed as if there was a shining track of light straight up unto the throne of God.

After several days detention in the city of Geneva, whither I had gone, one day, the Spirit, during my usual devotional reading, impressed on my heart the words:

"I will make a path in the wilderness: I will make a way in the sea."

So standing on the promises, and having obtained my passport from the American Consul, I travelled through France, (the state of the country being somewhat unsettled), and crossed the British Channel to England.

In the earlier period of the war, reflecting upon Germany's Alliance with Turkey, three things appeared plain to me:

(1) Palestine would be set apart as a National Jewish State,

(2) Multitudes of men of various nations under judgment would be saved, because "When God's judgments are in the earth, the people will learn righteousness,"

(3) The close of the war would be hastened, indeed the end of the war would be an accomplished fact if England would observe a National Day of Humiliation, Fasting, and Prayer. (This was before the U. S. A. joined the Allies.)

I. The fact that the British now occupy Jerusalem and that they are causing the Turks to flee from Palestine marks an important epoch in Jewish history when viewed in the light of Mr. Balfour's official letter to Lord Rothschild, a representative of Zionism. The Rt. Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the British Government, stated, in behalf of the English Cabinet that "His Majesty's Government views with favor the establishment in Palestine of a National

Home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object."

From the London "Christian" I quote as follows: "A demonstration of Zionists was recently held in London to pass a vote of thanks to the British Government for promising to hand over Palestine to the Jews as soon as the Turk had been expelled from that country. It was very clear that an overwhelming proportion of London's Jewry is in favor of a proposed autonomous Palestine as a national home for the Jewish people. From the moment when Lord Rothschild opened the proceedings till the final note of the "Hatikvah," or Song of Hope, the national anthem of new Judea, died away, the feeling was one of rising enthusiasm. Mr. Samuel, M. P., roused the meeting to a pitch of great excitement, when in repeating in Hebrew the traditional prayer, "Next Year in Jerusalem," he maintained that, consequent upon the promise of the British Government, the words have now a new and altogether hopeful significance."

"Do not we," says the Weekly Evangel, commenting on the above paragraph, "who are looking for the coming of our Lord, and the 'New Jerusalem,' feel a thrill go through us as we read of the dry bones coming together (Ezek. 37), and the words of Christ when He said, 'Now learn a parable of the fig tree; when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh; so likewise ye, when ye see all these things, know that He is near even at the doors,' Mt. 24:32. The branch of the fig tree is indeed becoming tender in more ways than one, for we see signs not only of national life being manifested amongst the Jews, but their opposition to Christ is not so bitter as it was. Hallelujah, our summer is nigh!"

In the New York Tribune of January 11, 1918 we read as follows:

"The nucleus of the first Jewish Government in Palestine will be in existence about Passover time, in April, according to the prediction, yesterday, of Jacob de Haas, secretary of the provisional Zionist Committee.

"Mr. deHaas made this prediction in his address to the greater New York Campaign Committee of the Palestine Restoration Fund. This committee has undertaken to raise in New York one-half of the \$1,000,000 asked from this country to send doctors and a commission to Palestine immediately to make a preliminary survey of what will be needed to restore the Holy Land."

By the time this address is in print it is expected that a Jewish Government in Palestine will be an accomplished fact.

As we observe the Jews' anticipation of a return in the near future to their earthly home, are we as believers not conscious of quickened longings to be caught up to our heavenly home?

It is only upon my return this past week from Canada to the United States that I have begun fully to realize that the United States is actually engaged in war with Germany. It is stated that already the government of the United States has expended three billions of dollars directly and indirectly in connection with the war. This vast sum of money doubtless includes loans to our allies; but the appropriations of government to various departments for war purposes during 1917 was fifty times bigger than the amount appropriated for the preceding year. Our regular standing army which in 1916 numbered tens of thousands, to-day, including officers and men in the Aerial Service, numbers one million five hundred thousand approximately. Things in the way of preparation are on a very large scale. Alas! the conviction has forced itself upon me that unless the war is speedily brought to a victorious close, our nation will experience suffering, misery and sorrow on a commensurately large scale. I will endeavor to indicate what I mean by a recital of some observations in England.

One day during the summer of 1915 I received a note from a gentleman inviting me to visit his home in the west end of London which he had loaned to government to be used temporarily as a hospital for officers suffering from nervous shock. On presenting my card at this mansion in South Kensington, I was conducted through the various reception rooms on the ground floor of the house and saw what was being done for the bodily comfort and help of patients. I said to the person who conducted me about, I particularly desire to see the officers who are being treated for nervous shock. My conductress replied: "A single officer occupies each one of the many upstairs rooms; and you cannot see any of them, for they are all stark mad!"

"Do they recover from madness?" I said.

"Yes," was the reply. A proportion of the patients have recovered through nursing and rest; but those whose diseases are hereditary do not recover. The patients who had recovered their reason returned to the front! I learned subsequently that this gentleman's house in South Kensington is only one of a number of institutions where soldiers who have become insane on the field of battle are treated.

In conversation, one day, with a middle aged woman who served at the counter of a dairy in the north of London, she said, sadly, "My boy, who is 19, is now, temporarily in retirement, recruiting his health. The crashing, roaring sound of great guns near him on the scene of battle, unnerved him and his black hair turned white in a single night.

The second year of the war the number of returned wounded soldiers in the streets of London greatly increased. On Pall Mall and the vicinage of Oxford street and in the neighborhood of the big military hospitals, I have felt sick at heart as I have observed wounded soldiers walking the streets, some on

crutches, having lost a leg, others apparently partially paralyzed, and still others with an arm broken or severed. In the great thoroughfares of London blind soldiers of which there are now, alas a great army, may be seen, in individual instances being led by their companions. Here may be seen groups of lads with bandaged heads in hospital uniform. Again and again, overcome with grief, I have stood as if transfixed to the pavement as I have watched this procession of mutilated, blighted humanity in khaki, and I have felt a sob quiver through my innermost being, and an inarticulate prayer ascend to my God.

In the city of Dover it is said that there is scarcely a family that has not been visited by death since this terrible war (I use the word family in the broader sense which includes two or three generations of the same stock). London is a city of mourning.

During my second year's residence in Canada the condition of things consequent upon the continuance of war has become almost as heart-breaking as obtains in England. In the city of Toronto one sees an increasing number of returned soldiers with maimed and mutilated bodies. Alas! It is not an infrequent sight to see men in khaki who have lost both limbs and are wheeled about in invalid chairs. In the military hospitals there are said to be 2,000 incurables.

In the United States, in her comparatively early period of war the situation is, of course, radically different to that in England and in Canada. But unless the war speedily comes to a close, this our beloved land like England will be a nation of mourning, with multitudes of the rising generation, the flower of the nation's manhood, returned home, some broken in health, others crippled, or maimed, or blinded, or imbecile.

II. When God's judgments are in the earth, the people will learn righteousness. Thank God, multitudes from the various nations engaged have learned of the Righteous One, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and doubtless in tens of thousands of instances men at the front have been saved eternally through faith in Jesus' blood! Praise God! for the shining silver lining to this black war cloud!

An English soldier boy, wounded on a battlefield in France, remembered that in earlier life when a Sunday School scholar, his teacher had said to him, "My boy, the time will come when you will need God; and remember when you need Him He will be near at hand." And so not knowing quite how to pray, he spoke to God, in the words of a hymn he had learned in childhood. In response he heard the voice of Jesus, saying, "My son, give me thy heart?" This lad in relating the story of his conversion to his mother in England, said, "Mother, I gave Jesus my heart and He filled it with joy. The next thing I knew I found myself in the ward of a hospital where I was cared for."

Praise Jehovah! the blessed Holy

Spirit still performs His blessed office work of Remembrancer and Revealer, and in countless lives of men who have been careless and wicked, when judgment has fallen upon them in the trenches, or on the battlefield or in hospitals, He brings to mind hymns once learned, or a text of Scripture, like John 3:16, and our glorified, crucified and risen Jesus draws near the penitent and woos the heart.

A Belgian soldier heard the bullets whizz over his head and in fright he looked upward, and Roman Catholic though he was, had a vision of the Person of Jesus. He never forgot that figure of the Man of Calvary. Later he reached England, where he procured a Protestant Bible. The heart had been prepared by the Holy Spirit, the Gospel penetrated his heart, and he was converted.

From the lips of a missionary at home, on furlough from Egypt, I learned some details of a work of grace amongst soldiers at the Eastern Front. A company of British Colonials, it may have been in Macedonia, were surrounded by Turks, the odds fearfully against them. Face to face with eternity, numbers of big, rough, godless men, fell upon their knees and a few lines of a hymn, probably learnt at their mothers' side were repeated:

"Jesus tender Shepherd hear me,
Bless Thy little lambs to-night;
Through the darkness be thou near me,
Keep me safe till morning light."

This was the only prayer their untutored lips could utter. God read the language of penitent hearts, and numbers of these godless men were found of the Saviour and converted on the spot. Those wounded were taken to a hospital in Egypt, and my missionary friend, a sober minded man, fully believed that the work of grace in their hearts is deep and genuine and abiding.

Brothers and sisters in the Lord, what a privilege and responsibility is our to remember in persevering, believing prayer our own compatriots who are fighting for our country now on the battlefields in France;—not forgetting the promise while we pray, "When God's judgments are in the earth, the people will learn righteousness."

III. I believe that we have in history and in Scripture strong encouragements to expect that God in answer to prayer will bring this terrible war to a speedy and victorious close. And in this connection I desire to say that I am profoundly grateful to God that President Wilson is a man who has openly and publicly acknowledged his belief in the regenerating power of the Bible which he has declared to be to him a light and a lamp in the crises of his life. He also believes in the efficiency and power of prayer. What a solemn responsibility rests upon us as Christians to stand with God for our nation at a time like this, and have we not a duty as well as a privilege to remember in prayer, faithfully, our President.

In the time of the Boer war, about

the close of the past century, at a time when the British were meeting with very heavy reverses, Queen Victoria of gracious memory took deeply to heart the situation. She withdrew herself from social functions of court, and in the privacy of her closet cried to God for her country. And it was at the call and appointment of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, that a week day was observed as a National Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer throughout Great Britain, when for one hour all business was suspended, and all sorts and conditions of men assembled in churches and chapels to confess their own sins and the sins of the nation and supplicate God to bring war to a victorious and speedy close. Shortly after this National Day of Prayer the tide turned in Britain's favor, and before many months had elapsed God granted Great Britain victory over the Boers in South Africa and peace.

In the early fifties of the last century, during Britain's war in the Crimea, the same thing again happened. A National Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer was officially called by the Queen. The nation humbled herself and fell to her knees in repentance and supplication. God heard and speedily answered prayer and peace was declared and the Crimean war ceased.

In 2 Chron. 20th chapter, it is written: "King Jehoshaphat set himself to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

"And Judah gathered themselves together to ask help of the Lord."

The allies, the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them other beside the Ammonites, a great multitude came against Jehoshaphat to battle.

After this National Day of Humiliation and Prayer in Judah, the victory was quickly won for the king. On the Godward side victory came through praise and worship, and on the manward side, it came through division amongst the allies in the opposition. On the Godward side we note that Jehoshaphat "appointed singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for His mercy endureth forever. And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten."

On the manward side, we note as follows:

"For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them; and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another."

Can we not see how God is able to make the United States and the nations with which she is allied, victorious and secure peace, in such a way that we cannot take any glory to ourselves, but give Him all the glory?

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THE GREAT WAR.
(Through the Lens of Prophecy.)
(2nd Series.)

By Ernest A. Paul.

That we are living in days of deep concern and anxiousness goes without contradiction, for on the lips and in the minds of most people is the question "What does all the present unrest mean?" For three and one-half years now a terrible war has devastated Europe; unlimited treasures of civilization have been destroyed; extensive areas are soaked with blood; grief and sorrow fill almost every home; peaceful nations which formerly were devoted to the propagation of religion and civilization now resemble an immense war camp; and the achievements and works of many decades are doomed to a complete annihilation. All this makes it clear to me that we are rapidly nearing the final crash of Empires and Kingdoms, and that the final chapter in the book, "Times of the Gentiles," is being written; as in a book all chapters lead off to a guess so, or hope so of a conclusion, yet the last chapter sees all thoughts, adventures and lines converging, and so in the last chapter is revealed the whole plan and thought of the writer from the Preface down.

Surely, yes unmistakably, we are in the winding up and concluding chapter of the Gentile Age. Thirteen months have rolled by since the 1st series on this important world question were written, and I feel that a 2nd series would be beneficial at this period.

1917 proved an important year; in that year we saw Jeremiah's Prophecies more fully fulfilled, and into the whirlpool of war were drawn the following nations:

United States of America
Panama
Cuba
Greece
Siam
Liberia
China
Uruguay
Peru
Brazil, with
Santo Domingo
Argentine
Honduras
Guatemala
Costa Rica and
Bolivia breaking off relationship.

These nations, combined with the previous belligerents, viz:

Belgium
Serbia
Montenegro
Russia
France
Great Britain
Japan
Italy
Portugal
San Marino
Roumania
Austria-Hungary
Turkey
Germany
Bulgaria, embracing about 42

million square miles with about 1 billion

500 million inhabitants.

Listen to the boast of the "Frankfurter Zeitung," an official German paper, as recorded in the Literary Digest of February 9th, 1918: "The burden of all the crises in the next six months will fall exclusively on the entente. The Central Powers have a strategical superiority and will be able to concentrate all their forces on the Western front, while the hope of the Western Powers that troops will be forthcoming from America can in no case be realized. Never again, and certainly not in the next six months will France and Great Britain have such favorable opportunities for a general offensive as they had in 1915, 1916, 1917, as strong forces will be released from other positions and can be moved at will by our military leaders, thus every hope of the entente of success in a new offensive on the Western front will be frustrated. Moreover, our High Command has declared that it is possible to strike a decisive blow against France, for the conditions on the Western front are completely reversed and the war will be directed primarily against France. If there is a French crises, it will be the last." Note the little word "IF!"

I am no German, and thank God for it, but I can see that whatever chance there is of the Allies "Shortening the War" will come about only in one way, and that way is the universal recognition of God with a spirit of humiliation.

Before the World Empire of the Babylonians was plunged into war and defeat, the same night Belshazzar, the king, with a thousand of his lords, was indulging in open sin, revelling and dancing, and with a lightening rapidity the Medo-Persian army overrun them.

Before Europe was plunged into the awful Napoleonic war all Europe (but France) the previous night was indulging in open sin, revelling and dancing, and with a lightning rapidity the French hordes over-ran Europe.

Before this present Great War began, and when all was apparently at peace, sin revelling and dancing in vogue, like a thunderbolt from a clear sky and with a suddenness beyond comprehension, the Teutonic hordes started a conflagration which has spread world wide; therefore it is high time that the nations who profess to stand for high ideals, democratic and righteous principles, should do as Daniel did in chapter 9.

One by one the nations are shaking and becoming "non est" under the hammering blow of the mailed fist of the War Lord.

Where is Belgium?
Where is Montenegro?
Where is Serbia?
Where is Roumania?
WHERE IS RUSSIA?

On February 9th the Ukrainians signed a separate Peace with the Central Powers, thereby throwing open their mineral and granary doors, together with commercial intercourse: a few days later we read, according to the Press, that

Trotsky had unconditionally surrendered Russia to Germany, with the demobilization of her entire army; still a few days later, we read that the Huns and Russians have failed to agree on terms and are now at grips: but at present writing (Feb. 19th) we learn officially that the Russians have at last signed a "Peace Treaty"—this Russian affair is the most damaging loss the allies have received so far during this war from a human point of view, but from God's viewpoint it is prophetic; in fact, I believe that the present conflict in Europe is the beginning of a process of dissolution, territorial disintegration and re-adjustment, which is preparing the way for the dividing of the old Roman Empire into ten parts.

Daniel makes it very clear, when he infers that the FINAL result of the various changes through which the Roman Empire has passed and is passing, will be the division of its territories into ten kingdoms, and that these kingdoms, though distinct will be FEDERALLY UNITED (in aims and purposes) that they will be alike in POLITICAL CONSTITUTION (Democratic) and will UNITEDLY inherit that same supremacy of power which had been SEPARATELY possessed by the Babylonians, Medo-Persians and Grecian Empires; and by the Roman Empire in the time of its unity, hence the oft-repeated utterances of the Allies of "A CONFEDERACY," "A LEAGUE OF NATIONS."

The Russian BEAR from the North did smash her way southward, while the British LION from the South did smash her way northward and into the hands of the LION and the BEAR fell the ancient cities of Nineveh and Babylon. At or near Del-abbas the LION and the BEAR met and shook hands, but they did not agree together very long (see Article No. 7 of Series No. 1)—in fact in the past few days we read, that the Entente Mission to Russia has been expelled, while in Germany Trotsky's "unconditional surrender" has created great enthusiasm and rejoicing; whilst the bells are pealing and everywhere cities are beflagged; also that the Russians have evacuated all territories captured from the Turks in Asia Minor.

For why could not Russia stay with the Allies?

Because, in the first place, Russia has never been trustworthy; it seems her disposition to turn traitor; the same thing that has happened now in the Russia affair happened during the "Napoleonic Wars" and the "seven year war" under Frederick the Great; in fact in this last named war Frederick the Great had Russia first for an enemy, then as an Ally and then again as a foe—what would prohibit Russia doing the same in the present war?—but the principal reason why Russia cannot stay with the Allies, lies in the fact that she is excluded from the ten toed kingdom; as her territory is outside the Roman Empire area; hence the separate Peace of the Ukrainians, and the withdrawal of Russia comes not at all as a surprise, but as a thunderous reminder that not a

word God has spoken shall fail to come to pass.

"JERUSALEM CAPTURED," such were the words in large headlines as the newsboys heralded the "latest" down the streets and avenues of our cities; "Jerusalem taken," only another finger pointing to the doom of Gentile domination; the restoring of Palestine to its rightful owners, the Jews, the coming of the Anti-Christ; the rise of the Church of Rome and the coming of more troubled times: this same finger writes and says "The Day of our Redemption, the Rapture of the Church," is soon to take place (1 Thess. 4:16-17, and 1 Cor. 15:51-53), "the Lord is coming."

Beloved CAN YE NOT discern the spiritual sunset?

The RED HORSE has stalked over the whole world and signs are now evident that the BLACK HORSE has made its appearance. Thirteen months ago conditions were bad in the Central Powers' territory, and appalling in the overrun countries of Belgium, Montenegro, Serbia, Armenia, but today neutral and belligerents (who can draw upon the whole world for supplies) have to have their
eat - less
meat - less
wheat - less

days—what's the cause—the letting loose ruthlessly of the "devils of the deep," the war lords foul engine of destruction, the "U" boats; for we read the total tonnage of ships built by England and the U. S. A. in 1917 amounted approximately to 2,000,000 tons; whilst during the same year the "U" boats sunk 6,000,000 tons. Listen to what Lord Rhondda, England's Food Controller, says: "The word 'shortage' is not strong enough for the situation. To put the matter bluntly, the whole world is up against a 'nasty thing' familiar to the people of India, called 'FAMINE.'" The grim specter of **Famine** is stalking through the earth, and its dread presence is being felt.

England, which was among the best provisioned of all European countries is finding the food question difficult.

France has a serious shortage of meats and cereals.

The Scandinavian nations are suffering and looking to U. S. A. for help and it is stated that

In Bosnia, and Herzegovina, Istria and Dalmatia, famine is taking a terrible toll, and even

In U. S. A. the land of plenty "where we have been accustomed to regard our supplies as inexhaustible, we have had to inaugurate meatless Tuesdays, wheatless Wednesdays, and two porkless days each week and one meatless and one wheatless meal every day to boot.

Russia, one of the world's great granaries, is starving in the midst of plenty.

Sweden and Denmark are under a vigorous system of rationing, etc., etc., and so it goes on all over the world; in quick succession will follow the PALE or BAY HORSE, which denotes Pestilence and Sickness (see Article No. 3), then we may look for the speedy "air route" to meet our Lord; then will follow the

seven years of Trouble such as never was, as spoken of by Daniel.

So in closing, let me urge upon all readers to let nothing hinder you from "going through;" "he that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be His God, and he shall be my son." Rev. 21:7.

(To be continued.)

A NOTE OF PRAISE.

My heart must overflow in a special note of praise this blessed Easter season. The 31st of March, 1907, eleven years ago—then as now an Easter Sabbath—marked the overflowing of Jordan's banks in my life. The latter rain drenched my soul, until in all the days since, its trickling streams have been percolating down through the remotest avenues of my being. Hallelujah! Increasingly precious is He—my Beloved One!

"His light dispelled my darkness,
His smile was, oh, so sweet!
I've seen the face of Jesus—
I can but kiss His feet."

The rich fulness of His grace is continually revealed in the ever-changing providences of our lives. The past year, of course, looms most largely in my vision, at times the darkest of all—but full of the richest days since the Comforter first came. Wondrous mystery surrounds that sweet consolation God gives us after every bitter cup. I only wish I could put into words what Jesus has meant to me this past year. There were days when the pressure from various sides stunned and seemed to overwhelm me—but ever "JESUS HIMSELF DREW NEAR." Everlasting victory through our Risen Lord! Hosanna!

Nor ever knew I how fully death hath been robbed of its sting until the home-going of my precious sainted mother. But the triumph is complete in the certain hope of a swiftly approaching Resurrection morning. "We shall rise, Hallelujah!" And since her departure it has seemed a fresh anointing has come, and a yearning, outreaching to touch the empty lives. Her precious life, lived for God alone these past thirty-five years, is as the broken alabaster box. May the scattered fragrance therefrom reach just as far as God intends it should.

Under His Cross.

Under the cross with Jesus,
Straight through the valley with Him—
What tho' my path winds darker,
And the light groweth fainter and dim;
For the nail-pierced hand beckons onward
And He says, "'Tis the way I trod
And this long hard way of suffering,
But carries you home to God."

So I bend 'neath the cross with Jesus,
And I sing tho' the weight crushes more,
For I'm proving His grace all-sufficient,
And His presence grows sweeter each hour.
And often He speaks to my spirit,—

"There's glory beyond—very great;
But a few more steps up the hillside
Where the crown God hath promised
doth wait."

Yes, under the cross with Jesus,
Tho' my dearest forsake and flee;
He is only waiting to show me
His love and His true sympathy;
And the empty borders of yearning,
And the barren lonely waste
Shall become an eternal garden—
A hallowed, communion place.

Under the cross with Jesus—
Thro' the long Gethsemane road,
All alone in the garden with Jesus,
None sharing the heart-pangs but God.

My flesh shuns the cup with a quiver,
But He draws then so very near,
And He says, "There is sweet after bitter:
Drink the cup; it is Mine; do not fear."

Then nailed to the cross with Jesus,
To know in reality
His suffering, and His anguish,
As He died upon Calvary;
A place of fullest reckoning
As dead with Him indeed,
And sown in the very likeness
Of His death—a buried seed.

Out from the grave with Jesus!
O glad Resurrection day,
When the shadows of earthly darkness
Are scattered and driven away.
Alive unto Him then forever,—
Our glorious coming King;
His precious, peculiar own treasure
To dwell evermore 'neath His wing.

Into the glory with Jesus,
Sharing its beauties divine,
Filled with a wondrous gladness—
At last in His image to shine.
Tasting in fulness most perfect
Those blessings reserved for His own;
The sorrow, the days full of suffering,
The cross—all exchanged for His crown. —Alice Reynolds Flower.
Stanton, Mo.

MEXICAN GOSPEL WAGON.

The Lord blessed our two young men, in the last trip just completed. They gave out all the tracts that they carried with them, testified from house to house the works of the Lord. Pray that the seed may have fallen in good soil, and that we may be able to follow it up with occasional visits over the same territory. They found many hungry to hear of the Lord, but as the field is so immense they could not tarry long in one place.

We have sold our two burros, as they are so slow, and expect to soon purchase a good horse, and then so much time will not be lost on the road.

The Lord has given us several thousand tracts this month for the work, but as they are constantly moving, they need a constant supply. This is our opportunity to place a tract, Gospel or paper in the hands of the 300,000 Mexicans in Texas.

Let us be much in prayer that a great harvest of souls will be seen as an answer to these efforts.—H. C. Ball.

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THE POWER OF PREVAILING PRAYER.

God has placed at the disposal of man one of the mightiest weapons He could possibly give them, and only a fraction of His people have the faintest conception of the power at their disposal. What is this weapon? PRAYER. God, the eternal, can be touched, can be moved, can be influenced by the prayer of man, who is finite, and in time, and impotent. Man, who is at the disposal of every force of nature, has had a power given to him by God in prayer that every power of nature is at the disposal of man.

God has given many instances of answers to prayer in the Word, but if all the answers to prayer were to be recorded, we should have to say with John, "If they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written." Just take one sentence from the 11th of Hebrews, "Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed vallant in the fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens; women received their dead raised to life again." Unnamed individuals, but what mighty, continuous, prevailing prayer behind that simple record! You call them heroes of faith, back of that they were people of prayer.

Take the instance of one man whose name is mentioned in Hebrews 11, whose record is not very creditable, Cain. His was more of a whine than a prayer, but it was heard. "My punishment is greater than I can bear!" And he had a mark put upon his forehead to protect him. If God listens to the cry of a murderer how much more will He listen to the cry of the righteous?

Do you think that obedient Abraham, when he went to offer up his son Isaac, went without prayer? How could he have said, "My son, God will provide Himself a lamb for a burnt-offering," had he not learned it in the secret place of prayer. Go down the ages and see the efficacy of prayer after prayer. Look at Jacob. The prayer of the trickster availed much, and the prayer of the righteous avails much more. When he wrestled with the Angel, God taught him

the power of prayer, and not only him but the saints all down the ages. Armed Esau was coming on defenseless Jacob, but when Esau met Jacob his hands were empty of weapons, and he fell on his neck and kissed his brother. He had the embrace instead of the spear-thrust. The Angel had gone ahead, He crippled Jacob and then He disarmed Esau. Every time you have a conflict, every time you have a wrestling, there is a corresponding undoing of the enemy, in the distance may be, or may be near.

Take other cases. Take Joseph. Do you think all those things happened by chance to him? The word of the Lord tried him, and it gave him an excellent opportunity to pour out his heart to God, and God marvellously undertook.

So you can go on and on through the Old Testament. Make it a study and analyze each case. See Moses going down to deliver Israel that first time, the time he slew the Egyptian. He went without prayer because he thought he was sufficient of himself in his office. But he learned how to pray in the wilderness. That first forty years in the wilderness prepared him for his life of prayer when the children of Israel were in the wilderness. Time and again, God was entreated, the wrath of God was appeased, the counsel of God changed and a nation saved by a man who had learned the secret of prayer. The words sounded simple, but Aaron could not utter them with power, with the meaning and the experience that were behind those prayers and petitions of his meek brother.

Take David, he was a man of prayer. We think of him as a fighting man pre-eminently. He could fight so well because he could pray so well. The best fighters are the best pray-ers and the best pray-ers are the best fighters. We refer not so much to the fighting against flesh and blood, although we recognize that the prayers of godly soldiers have changed the course of events on earthly battlefields, but to that intense conflict against the unseen foe, against the principalities, against the powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against the spiritual wickedness in high places. Men like Martin Luther and John Knox have changed the course of history with their prayers.

God values prayer so much that he even let Himself be influenced by Ahab (1 Kings 21:27-29), a man who, with his wife, corrupted a nation, and had nothing to commend himself to God; and yet he humbled himself and repented before God, and God put off the judgment to his seed instead of it coming direct on Ahab. That was God's lesson to wayward humanity that none could be too wicked to pray. You talk about the dying thief, look to the living Ahab. God wanted to teach in this case that He was full of mercy and that it endureth for ever.

Take other cases where the very course of nature was changed. Joshua commanded the sun and it stood still. Where did he learn that secret? He got in touch with the Captain of the Lord's

hosts. The Lord of hosts is Lord not only of the hosts of earth but of heaven. He counts the hosts of the stars, and of course he was Lord of the sun, which is only one of the hosts of heaven.

Take the case of Hezekiah where the whole course of nature was changed, the dial was put back, his life was spared, and fifteen years were added to him. The one was no more remarkable than the other, to lengthen the day or to lengthen the days of the king's life. Man has yet to learn that God is sovereign not only in grace but in nature. Sovereign in time and sovereign in eternity!

Christ teaches us the value of prayer. He lived prayer, He taught prayer, He encouraged prayer. Study the various aspects of His teaching on prayer. The Syrophenician woman taught the value of delayed answers; it was not for herself alone but for all down the ages. The incident of the man going at midnight to his friend's and knocking at his door and waking him up and troubling him until he gives him as many loaves as he needs likewise teaches another aspect of prayer. Fancy the condescension of God, teaching us that we can knock at His door at inopportune times it seems, but the need of the asker demanded the reply and answer. But He to whom we come never slumbers nor sleeps, and His ear is ever open to our cry.

Take the case of the widow and the unjust judge. It was an extreme picture to meet the extremest case man could picture up in his own mind. When things look blackest, God says "Pray!" A widow, an unjust judge, an adversary—a trinity of difficulties—and multiply trinity by trinity, make your case as black as you can, God is able and willing to meet the case.

Men ought always to pray, and not to faint. To faint not, means, do not take into account the seeming obstacles. "There are lions in the way!" Go right on, they are only chained lions. Walk on the sea, if He bids thee! "But," you say, "O, the waves in the way!" He can make the sea a calm. Peter said, "Lord, if it be Thou, bid me come unto Thee on the water." And He said, "Come." But when Peter saw the wind boisterous, he forgot the "Come," for when he was beginning to obey, there was probably an extra big wave intervened in between, and he began to sink. So it is always. Christ says, "Come, pray," and the prince of the power of the air will do all in his power to sink us. Keep looking unto Him who bids thee "Come," and do not look at the boisterous winds or the waves, for He can make the sea a calm. There are two things that can settle the waves; the Word, and the Oil on troubled waters. The word of the Son of God and the oil of His Spirit. Don't let the waves obscure the vision or drown the sound of the word, "Come."

The Word is teeming with illustrations, examples, precepts as to the value of prayer. Prayer brought Pentecost. He said, "I will send." He sends, but prayer brought. He sends today, but prayer has not brought, because there has not been enough prayer to bring

forth. "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication." Pentecost was the climax of the Word of God on the power of prayer. The Red Sea driven back and all the previous answers to prayer were nothing to be compared to the power and the wonderful answer of that ten days' continuous prayer meeting of the hundred and twenty followers of Christ. Figure it out, suppose they prayed twelve hours a day, one hundred and twenty of them for ten days. Fourteen thousand, four hundred hours of prayer! An avalanche of prayer brought an avalanche of power. If you want a deluge from heaven, you must deluge heaven first. Showers of blessing follow showers of prayer.

The heavens were not exhausted when the former rain fell, nor when the showers, the droppings, of the latter rain began to fall. Joel speaks of the "Former rain moderately." God wants to give the latter rain immoderately. The key is prayer. The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much, not only for himself, (he gets a reflex blessing), but much for others.

Mystery! Mystery! Mystery! Great is the mystery of godliness. Great is the mystery of prayer. The finite moving the infinite. The conditions, and the many other aspects pertaining to true prayer, Christ has set forth. Seek and understand for yourself.

PLEA FOR NATIONAL PRAYER.

(Continued from page 5.)

When God's judgment was pronounced against Ninevah because of its wickedness, judgment was averted after a National Day of Humiliation and Prayer. The king of Ninevah as representative of the people set the example; for "he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth and sat in ashes. And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Ninevah, by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, 'Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything: let them not feed nor drink water:'

"But let man and beast be covered with sack cloth, and cry mightily unto God: Yea, let them turn everyone from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. . . . And God repented of the evil that he said that he would do unto them, and he did it not. (Jonah 3:6, 7, 8 and 10.)

God has also a controversy with the United States which is now under judgment because of her national sins. And I am thoroughly convinced that if, as a nation, we get to our knees, and follow the precedent established in the Word of God, judgment will be averted as in the case of Nineveh and victory won as in the case of Jehoshaphat.

God grant us a National Day of Humiliation and Fasting, and Prayer, for His name's sake. Amen.

Max Wood Moorhead.

No paper next week. For reason, read Bro. Bell's article in this number, "A Great change and why?"

397. How did Peter or Paul organize churches?

Ans. Paul planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase, 1 Cor. 3:6. They were all baptized in water and all baptized by one Spirit into one body, the church, 1 Cor. 12:13. There was some method also by which their numbers and probably their names were kept, for in several places the numbers are given, Acts 1:15, 2:41, 4:4. They then appointed deacons, Acts 6:1-6, and set the church in order with elders to oversee the assembly, Titus 1:5-10; 1 Tim. 3:1-10. We call it "organizing," but the Bible calls it "setting in order." Send for our tract on **God's church and His Churches**, 5 cents per dozen.

398. How should we take members into the church?

Ans. God sets the members in the body, 1 Cor. 12:13, 27, 28. The servant of God does his part by baptizing them in water, Acts 2:41, 10:48; Rom. 6:3-4. All we can do is to "recognize" in some scriptural way what God has done. This could be done by extending the right hand of fellowship (Gal. 2:9), and by numbering them as one of that particular church. After God has put them in as above, any simple scriptural method of owning and recognizing that fact is sufficient. The General Council prescribes no forms. Whether we all do it the same way or not matters very little so long as it is in keeping with Scripture and so long as the church is "set in order" as Paul directs. All persons worthy of being baptized by us should be recognized as one of us as long as they obey Christ.

399. What does the word "generation" mean in Matt. 1:1 and 3:7? How long is a generation?

Ans. In 1:1 it refers to the line descent by which Christ came down from Abraham and David. It is the same as genealogy. It is Christ's birth line. In 3:7 the word means progeny, brood or offspring. Usually a generation means a lifetime. In some ages longer than others. Now about 30 years.

400. How long is a "time" in Scripture.

Ans. A time is one year, times is two years, and a half time is a half year. So a time, times and a half time make three and one half years. A Scripture year is 360 days. See Dan. 7:25 and 12:7. Also compare Rev. 12:6 with 12:14 and 13:5 and note these three periods are the same length, only in different terms.

401. Can't you explain my question in the next Evangel?

No, because 40 other persons are ahead of you asking the same thing.

402. How much is the measure in Rev. 6:6?

Ans. About one quart.

403. How much is the 42 months in Rev. 11:2?

Ans. It is three years and a half or 1260 days.

404. Who is the beast in Rev. 17:8?

Ans. He is the Antichrist, the last head of the ten-horned, ten-toed world kingdom which will fight Jesus Christ when He comes. It will have 10 kings and he will be head or chief, an emperor over the kings.

405. How many ordained ministers and missionaries have credentials with the Assemblies of God?

Ans. In the recent revised up-to-date list there are something over 600. This list contains only those who annually renew their fellowship certificate. Nobody is on this list who has not renewed within a year. See the lately published Combined Minutes, giving the names of the ministers and missionaries, a dime for a copy.

406. How many ordained ministers belong to the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World?

Ans. I don't know and I don't think they know, or they would not keep on their list so many who have long since left them because these Assemblies of the World went into the New Issue.

NEW TRACTS.

We have had a great demand for tracts dealing with the present state of things from the standpoint of prophecy, and so have been led to prepare a new series which we humbly believe the dear Lord will use for His glory. We have just printed a powerful 4-paged tract, entitled "The Signs of the Approaching End of the Age." Another 4-paged tract we have prepared on this same theme is entitled "Safety First," also a 2-paged tract entitled "Things Shortly to come to Pass," and a 6-paged tract, "Caught Up to Christ." Other new 4-paged tracts are "The Confession of Our Faults," by Andrew Urshan, "Be Pilled with the Spirit," by F. F. Bosworth, "A Questionaire in Religion," by A. P. Collins, a new tract on healing entitled "The Divine Prescription for Every Sickness," and a new salvation tract, "Receiving Christ." Other 2-paged tracts are "No Time for God," by Mrs. J. T. Boddy, "My Welcome," a beautiful poem about the prodigal son, and "The Mat," a much needed message on humility. At the request of many brethren we are reprinting in tract form "The Wonderful Testimony of a French Canadian" that appeared some months ago in the Evangel, which is one of the most remarkable testimonies we have ever read. We have also reprinted Miss Sisson's message, "Shall We have Wheatless Days?" Both these last are 8-paged tracts. Now is the time to sow, and there is good Gospel seed in all these little messengers. For prices see ad. in another column.

TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The District Council of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona is called to meet at Houston, Texas, April 27-29. Council to be held in the Gospel Tabernacle, corner Eli Avenue and Patterson St. Take West End car and get off at Patterson St. and walk north. Delegates are urged to be there for the first meeting as some very important business is to be attended to. Every one come prepared to bear their own expenses.—F. A. Hale, Secretary.

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Many inquiries reach us from the saints wanting to know what missionaries have credentials with the General Council. On January 1, 1918, we published in our Combined Minutes a list of ordained Ministers and Missionaries who had up to that date taken out Credentials with us. If each preacher and each assembly would send the Gospel Publishing House at St. Louis 10 cents for a copy of the Combined Minutes they would find therein all this information and much more very valuable to them.

Bear in mind that new names are being added all the time and we shall be glad to answer enquiries concerning those not yet printed.

Most individuals and many of the best assemblies are sending their offerings to all missionaries through our Missionary Treasurer, Stanley H. Frodsham, St. Louis, Mo. Where you are certain of your missionary being all right, direct him to send it to that name, and the missionary will get every penny of it without any further trouble or expense on your part. Where you are not certain, leave it with our treasurer, and he can send your money out to the right man easier than to answer your inquiries about missionaries. We have always and do yet forward free all money sent us for any clean missionary whether he agrees with us in teaching or not. Whenever you see in our columns money going out to some missionary who fights us remember it is assigned by the giver to this missionary. Our charity in kindly giving our services to those who may differ with us should be a blessing to us and to them. E. N. B.

MISSIONARY NOTES.

Sister Willa B. Lowther writes from Sai Naam, South China, "We began tearing down and rebuilding and enlarging our mission building at my outstation just three weeks ago today, and it is up to the second floor now. It will be a two-story brick building with mission downstairs and living rooms upstairs for the natives. One wall was nearly collapsing and it leaked so badly that we could not go through another wet season, so after much prayer we decided to rebuild. It is costing much more than I had anticipated, owing to the increasing cost of materials and decrease in gold value, so I'm pressed to exercise some real faith. We missionaries here in South China heartily agree with everyone of the recommendations of the last Council meeting of the Assemblies of God and have already endorsed them in our own council meetings. We believe that the missionary interest will grow by leaps and bounds since steps have been taken to bring about better co-operation between the homeland and foreign fields."

Sister Drusie R. Malott writes from Cheng Ting Fu, Chihli, China, praising the Lord for an offering sent to her by the Evangel Family which has enabled her to secure a large meeting place for preaching. She and her two Chinese collaborators had had several special seasons of prayer regarding chapel and house rent and their own daily necessities. One of these native workers, Mr. Liu, has been stirred up afresh by a visit to a neighboring mission and during the past month has been preaching with much power, and already four splendid business men and tradesmen have definitely accepted Christ, besides some of the boys from the high school and public schools, and others are quite interested.

Bro. Bartholomew Dean writes from Rupaidiha, Bahraich Dist., U. P., N. India, that after spending four months at Dhond with Bro. and Sister Norton, the Lord has led him to join Sister Denney at the above address. Since he has been there, Sister Denney has had a week of special meetings for her workers. He writes, "Praise God, He met us most gloriously, baptizing most of the teachers and preachers in the Holy Spirit and our hearts were made to rejoice in God with joy unspeakable and full of glory. Hallelujah to Jesus!" He asks us to pray that God will send a glorious outpouring upon this needy field and that He might be enabled very soon to preach to the people in their own language.

Sister Emily Lynne writes of God's blessings in Madhupore, India: The second term of this Bible school has now begun and there are a household of twelve of all nationalities and different languages, several of these being from her old mission station belonging to the Baptist denomination, where God so mightily poured out His Spirit in the early days of this Pentecostal outpouring. The Lord is bidding them "Make the valley full of trenches and prepare the ground and give assurances of the floods coming as we believe and obey 'until.'" She writes us that Miss Scott of Sunderland, England, and Miss Daisy Barbour are opening up a work close by. They are starting a Babies' Home rescuing Temple children and doing Zenana work in the town. Their household is daily in attendance at the meetings and some of them at the classes. The purpose of this Bible school is "for the training of Bible women and workers endowed with the only power for service, that India may learn that Jesus is the living one and still the same today; also to provide a home where Pentecostal workers can come and learn their languages while waiting further directions, and where they can continue Bible study; also to provide a quiet rest place in a healthy location for tired workers and those seeking God's best."

Sister Bertha Sutley writes from Komatipoort, South Africa, "A youth from dark heathenism came to work on the station a few weeks ago, and has since the beginning of this new year given himself to the Lord, confessing Jesus as both his Saviour and his Healer. So quiet and yet so definite has been his conversion that our hearts are filled with joy. Many of the heathen who pinned their faith to a false Christ are realizing their mistake and some are coming again to the meetings."

Bro. Will Norton writes from Benares, India, that there is a great shortage of missionaries in India and yet the need is now greater than ever. "The war has awakened India as she has never been awakened before. She is now in the midst of the throes of violent agitation for Home Rule. The English Government will probably give the natives great concessions in the form of an internal government with natives in high offices, but of course under British suzerainty. In the meantime missionary work is progressing on the whole more rapidly than ever before in India's history, and most missionaries have more work than they possibly can see to. King George recently made the statement that he reads the Bible every day, so when our colporteurs tell the people here that this is the book that their Emperor reads every day, it arouses immediate interest and they have no difficulty in selling Scriptures. Please pray that God will save many precious souls here."

Sister Mary Chapman writes from Royapetta, India, "Our blessed Lord Jesus is becoming more unspeakably precious to our hearts each day. Oh! how He draws by His cords of tender love and our hearts are saying, 'We will run after Thee.' Oh the intense longing He gives that others may be brought to Him and His great Name may be glorified. Our holiday special meetings have just taken place, and what precious seasons they have been. No great gathering, but a little company waiting at the Master's feet, to hear His voice, and to be led into the deeper depths of His love. He was manifestly present with us, giving loving messages from His Word and by interpretation and making Himself so real to us. Five missionaries from other places joined us and a dear brother from Ceylon, who received great blessing. We have been taught that the Lord would have us to be constantly on the watch lest we miss God's best for us, and that we dare not rest satisfied with any present attainment or experiences or with anything short of HIMSELF. Do we really begin to comprehend what it means to be brought into such oneness with Jesus as that between Him and His Father? When John 17:21-23 is fulfilled in the bride she will be united to her Lord and ready for the rapture. May we not help to hasten the glorious day?"

Lectures on the Book of Revelation, by W. Lincoln; a highly recommended book, postpaid, 75 cents

THE PENTECOSTAL WORK IN PORTO RICO.

I will write a few lines in regard to our work in general.

1. **Ponce.** This work is over fourteen months old and from the beginning has had three missionaries in active work there. Bro. Lugo is in charge of this work and is now there by himself since Bro. Feliciano started for Santo Domingo. There are about eighty faithful members here. Since I delivered them a message on tithing and giving to the Lord gladly, they have been doing their best and they are now able to meet their mission rent and light, about \$8.00 a month. They are also backing up a little work opened a few months ago in San Anton which cost them about \$3.00 or \$4.00 a month. Bro. Pedro Sanchez, an old Baptist member, received the Holy Ghost and was ordained and placed in charge of the San Anton work and we have seen wonderful results there. Some of the brethren go without two or three meals in the week so as to bring their Sunday offering, probably three or five pennies.

2. **Arecibo.** This work is only eight months old but many souls have been saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost. The Lord has given us a house and lot, twenty feet wide by thirty feet long, for \$400.00. The house is valued at \$500, but the owner donated a hundred dollars to the work. We paid \$50.00 in advance, \$20.00 of which was given by the brethren here and \$30.00 was the offering sent by the Evangel readers in January. I am to pay \$50.00 in four months besides \$10.00 per month. The brethren agreed to pay the \$10.00, so now we are to pray for the \$50.00 for May 30th.

3. **Don Alonso, Utuado.** Sometime last June Bro. Feliciano and I started the work here with the co-operation of Bro. Rodriguez. The Lord blessed our work and soon baptized with the Holy Ghost Bro. Rodriguez's wife and Bro. Felipe Soto, a young married man, with wife, and child, three years old. This brother and sister got on fire for God and began to preach and testify the wonderful things the Lord has done for them, and a large number of souls got saved through their ministry. Thank God, the fire is still burning there. The Lord has given us a house and an acre of land up in these mountains for His glory. Bro. Felipe Soto, who is self-supporting, is in charge of the work and I visit this place once a month.

4. **Esperanza.** About four months ago my father and I were called to this place to open up a work or station. Mr. Antonio Rodriguez, member of the Porto Rican Evangelical Church, came to us to get us to start a work there. Although he and his wife were members of a Protestant church they smoked, danced, etc. In the evening after we arrived we held a meeting and a few neighbors came in and Mr. Antonio was the first to give his heart to God. His wife also came to the Lord and not long ago she received the blessed baptism of the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. There

were some Methodists who were very bitter against us but God has sweetened them up and five of them are baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire and three of these are preachers. We then saw the need of a chapel right there so we talked to Jesus about it. And Jesus touched the heart of a rich man here in Arecibo to give us an acre of land for the church. So now the brethren up there have come together and collected some money to build a chapel to the honor and glory of God. So far they have about \$27.00, but the house will cost about \$75.00. Will not the dear Evangel Family do something for this work in Esperanza?

5. **Pastales.** Bro. Lorenzo Lucena is in charge of this work. The Lord is wonderfully blessing his ministry. Quite a number have been saved and the seed is being sown on every side. Pray for this new work.

Do not forget to pray for us as we need to open up other stations for we are only just starting our work. Porto Rico is a new Pentecostal baby. By and by when he gets to be a young man he will be able to support not only his own household, but Santo Domingo and Cuba as well.—Frank D. Ortiz, Jr.

Bro. John E. Norton writes us from Oraí, U. P., India. "We have opened up a light house in this dark place. As you travel from Cawnpore to Jhansi, a distance of one hundred and forty miles, your train will stop at many good sized towns, but none of them contains a single missionary but the town of Oraí, where my wife and I have taken up our humble abode. From Oraí you can start out in any direction you please to hunt a missionary, but you will have to travel a long ways before you find one, for Oraí has been given a wide berth by the missionaries. Europeans are scattered over the district who teach the natives how to drink and play cards, but no one cares to come to teach them about Christ or the way of salvation. About half a million people are in this district, the larger part of whom probably have never heard of Christ. They are groping in the darkness, waiting for the light. Will you not stand by us as we do our best to take it to them?"

Mrs. J. E. Clark writes from Dodballapur, Mysore State, South India, "Ever since taking over our old mission station a year ago, we have been slowly getting it prepared for missionaries. We can only accommodate about three or four at a time, and much needs to be done on the building before it is what it ought to be, but we are looking to God to make it what He will have it. Nine years ago we bought this place from Pundita Ramabai. We then had a large Rescue work which we brought here, and when later we went home broken in health, after fifteen years continuous labor without a furlough, I gave it to a sister as a deed of gift in trust for Rescue work. Funds failed, and the girls had to be sent elsewhere, and when I was handed the place back I did not want to take it. But God spoke and told me I was to take it, and

renewed His call to have a missionary rest home. He is blessing the home to many and we have just had a Pentecostal Convention here. God met with us in mighty power and two seekers were gloriously baptized in the Holy Spirit. One of these had come a two weeks' journey and covered over a thousand miles. For years she had sought. Today she writes how mightily God is using her at stations on her way home. Our neighbors in the orphanage are now seeking their baptism and the orphanage in general is stirred. Two of the girls have the baptism. Hallelujah!"

Bro. and Sister Page write from Sigatoka, Fiji Islands, "We have been in Fiji about five years, the first four of which was spent in different parts of the island as doors opened. Our living was exceedingly poor, sometimes reduced to \$1.00 per week. Trials were many and at times we could not appear in public owing to our scanty and worn out attire. Our dwelling places of the past were grass houses and often the rain would pour in on us in bed, but things have been greatly changed of late. A small house has been granted us for fourteen years lease, free, on condition that a small school be established, which is now in force with a roll call of twenty-four Indians. The Indians collected about \$300.00 to renovate the place and to put up an addition. About \$150.00 is still owing, but by God's grace will soon be paid off. Our food and clothing now is good and wholesome and we do not suffer for want in that direction. Our labors have been blessed with many finding the Lord, scores of Indians being healed, and many thousands of Gospels distributed about the island. We are opening up another station up the river where a site has been given us free. The Lord this past year has raised up a few intercessors for us in the home land and one would scarcely believe the impetus with which things have gone ahead since these prayer warriors have taken hold for us. Stony hearts of white planters and storekeepers are being softened and after years of heart-breaking labor amongst them, they are suddenly crying out for a meeting. We held one last Sunday evening for the first time and they were all wonderfully interested and requested the continuance of the Sunday night's services especially for them. Of course services for colored men and women have always been held. Here we are in the wilds, with people scattered over a wide district, which necessitates difficult traveling, so please pray for us."



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Sunday School Lesson

April 14th, 1918.

JESUS REQUIRES CONFESSION AND LOYALTY.

Lesson Text. Mark 8:1-9:1.

Golden Text. Mark 8:34.

I. Jesus Feeds the Multitude Again. Vs. 1-9.

How beautifully is illustrated in this miracle that "there is no want to them that fear Him," that "they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing." Do we really believe it? It is a statement confirmed by our Lord in Matt. 6:24-34. These people had been with Jesus three days and had had nothing to eat, and it further appears as if they intended to stay, unless sent away. Oh! the sustaining power of the Word and the presence of God. Read in this connection Deut. 8:3 and Matt. 4:4. Our Lord said to His puzzled disciples on one occasion, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of" (John 4:31-34). Cp. Ex. 34:28; 1 Kings 19:8. How real to many has been the experience of going to prayer or some meeting tired and weary, but God was present, and in that presence there has been the drinking of life for the whole being. Praise Him for His wonderful provision.

II. Jesus Answers the Pharisees and Warns against Leaven. V. 10-21.

The Pharisees, who with the Sadducees were our Lord's persistent opposers, begin to question Him and desire a sign from heaven, tempting Him. They were in converse with Him who came down from heaven. (John 6:32-35.) There was a sign FROM HEAVEN at his baptism (Matt. 3:16-17). In Matt. 27:41-42 another sign was asked for, even that He come down from the cross. Read Matt. 12:38-46 and see the only sign that was to be given them, and the character of the generation, the representatives of which were now tempting the Son of God. Our Lord sighs deeply over the condition of these hearts and leaves them. He is ever the patient One with the honest, seeking hearts, but leaves the questions of hypocrites unanswered.

Leaven in the Word of God is used as a symbol of evil. A reference to 1 Cor. 5:6-8 should be sufficient to prove that leaven stands for malice and wickedness, and unleavened (bread) is a type of sincerity and truth. From Matt. 23 we may easily learn what "the leaven of the Pharisees" was. "The leaven of Herod" seems to have been worldliness. Let us deeply heed our Master's warning. This too is "a sinful and adulterous generation" in which we should be as shining lights.

III. Jesus Heals the Blind Man. Vs. 22-26.

Why did our Lord lead this man out from the town? Bethsaida had been the place of privilege, the scene of many of our Lord's mighty works (Matt. 11:21). She had not repented and had thereby

proved herself unworthy of further manifestations of His love and power. There comes a time for the place as well as individuals in Christ-rejection when the case is so treated. Later, we see our Lord weeping over Jerusalem and saying, "If thou hadst known... the things that belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes" (Luke 19:41-43).

Vs. 24-25. This is a case where the healing was not instantaneous; vision at first was imperfect. What was done? "He put His hands AGAIN upon His eyes and made him look up," and the work was done. May those who have not yet received perfect healing as they came to the Great Physician be encouraged by this incident, seek ANOTHER TOUCH of those hands, and do not forget to LOOK UP. Get your eyes off of self, the pain, the ache, the weakness, and on to God Himself. There is wonderful power in a look when directed to Him from whom cometh every perfect gift. In our limping and halting, in our partial healings, we do not bring much glory to Jesus, and bear but a poor testimony to others needing healing.

IV. Jesus Teaching His Disciples.

V. 28-29. In the answer to the question, "Whom do men say that I am?" note the high estimate put upon our Lord and how all agree He was one risen from the dead. "But whom say ye that I am?" This is the great question of the age. To help men to answer this aright is the avowed purpose for the writing of the whole Gospel of John—"that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and believing, ye may have life through His name" (John 20:21). It needs revelation, the anointed eye, to recognize the Anointed One of God, a revelation that will be given to every honest heart.

V. 31. If Jesus was the Christ, He must suffer. Read Isaiah 53. Jesus came into the world to DIE, to give Himself a ransom for many. Four times Jesus predicted plainly His suffering and death: here, Matt. 17:22-23; Matt. 20:17-19; Matt. 26:1-2. Note how the prediction of the death is linked with the resurrection. In spite of all this preparation of our Lord, how unprepared were the disciples for that death and resurrection. Cp. Luke 24:11.

V. 33. Peter, in seeking to dissuade our Lord was doing the same thing Satan attempted to do at the time of our Lord's temptation. Satan means adversary. Let us learn from this verse: 1st, the all importance of the atonement; 2nd, how quickly and easily one can descend from the spiritual, from having things revealed from heaven, to the plane of the natural when he becomes a "stumbling block," and it can be said "thou mindest (same word as in Rom. 8:5) not the things of God but the things that be of men." Peter had been giving

expression to the thought of God (v. 2), but now the thoughts of men. In dissuading others from the will of God, from taking the way of the cross, we are acting the part of the great adversary of souls, doing the devil's own work for him. How very many who have caught the vision and made the supreme choice of being "wholly for God" are being hindered by the human love of relatives and friends.

V. 24. What is it to come after Jesus? It is with real desire and determination, through the Holy Spirit, to do the Father's will, cost what it may. What is it for a man to deny himself? To make no provision for the flesh. To say to self as Peter did of the Lord when he denied Him, "I know not the man." To reckon self to be where it is in the purpose of our Lord Jesus Christ so really that the language of Gal. 2:20 may be ours in experience. What is it to take up the cross daily? To live out practically day by day the laying aside of self-seeking, self-love, self-pleasing and press forward with the goal of the Father's will for our individual lives ever clearly in view.

May we deeply learn afresh the value of eternal things, and that the way of life is through death, that the great law of the Christian life is to gain by LOSING, to get by GIVING, that we are to measure our lives by loss and not by gain.

April 21st, 1918.

JESUS TRANSFIGURED.

Lesson Text. Mark 9:2-29.

Golden Text. Mark 9:7.

I. Our Lord's Transfiguration. Vs. 2-13.

In the last verse of our previous lesson our Lord gives a promise prefaced by a "Verily," that there were those standing there who should not taste death till they had seen the Kingdom of God "come with power," and Peter, writing long afterwards, says, "We made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ... were eyewitnesses of His majesty." 2 Pet. 1:16.

It is well to note the close connection in the accounts of the three evangelists of the Transfiguration with the first clear revelation of His coming rejection and death. Suffering and glory are ever closely connected. It is only as we keep our eyes on the "eternal weight of glory" that the suffering of the present can be looked upon as "light affliction." The suffering is for "awhile," the glory is to be "eternal." Suffer WITH HIM now, and we shall be GLORIFIED TOGETHER. How we need to keep our eyes on the promise of the glory to be revealed, and in which His faithful ones are to share.

V. 2. Note the favored three chosen to be witnesses of this holy scene and in whose mouth, later, the matter will be established. They held a mountain prayer meeting, and Luke tells us that it was "as He prayed" the fashion of His countenance was altered, until, as Matthew tells us, "His face did shine as the sun." THAT FACE, more marred than any man's! His raiment became white and glistening. "He was transfigured."

He who took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men, was transfigured. "He received from the Father honor and glory." Note:
 1. The transforming power of prayer.
 2. Transfiguration should be going on daily in our lives. "We all with open (unveiled) face, beholding . . . are changed." 2 Cor. 3:18. "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed (transfigured), Rom. 12:2-3. Just as the temple of old, when finished, was filled with the glory of the Lord (1 Kings 8:10-11), so, through the infilling of the Holy Spirit, may these bodies of ours be filled with the glory of the Lord.

V. 4. Moses is in the land of promise at last, and his prayer "Show me Thy glory" is indeed answered. In this miniature scene, Elias represents the translated ones, and Moses those risen from the dead. Th law in Moses, and the prophets in Elijah bear witness to the Son of God. Luke gives us in his Gospel the subject of the conversation—the decease which He should accomplish at Jerusalem. How intense was the interest of heaven in that event—the supreme conflict and victory of all ages.

Vs. 5-6. Flesh is flesh everywhere, even on the Mount of Transfiguration! The subject of the atonement seems far from Peter's mind at this time. In our times of richest spiritual experience let us remember that it is not for ourselves alone, but to enrich for the service of OTHERS, to help meet the great need of the world.

V. 7. Clouds are in Scripture the accompaniment of His presence "who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light that no man can approach unto, whom no man hath seen or can see." 1 Tim. 6:16. Three times in the earthly life of our Lord there came to Him a voice from the excellent glory, Matt. 3:17, the passage before us, and John 12:28. "Hear Him." Long before, Moses, in prophesying of Jesus, says, "Unto Him shall ye hearken." Deut. 18:15. To "hear Him" was indeed a needed injunction to His disciples as their Master faced rejection and crucifixion. Perhaps, as on a later occasion (John 12:30) our Lord could have said, "This voice came not because of Me, but for your sakes." How needed then, HOW needed now. "Let the words of Christ dwell in you richly with all wisdom" (Col. 3:16).

V. 8. At the sound of that voice "the disciples fell on their face and were sore afraid, and Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise and be not afraid." When at that touch they looked up, they saw Jesus only, in whom the law (Moses) and the prophets (Elijah) were fulfilled. No need of any other.

II. The Mighty Power of Jesus in Contrast with the Powerlessness of His Disciples. Vs. 14-29.

At the top of the mountain, a manifestation of the glory of God, at its foot, witness a manifestation of the awful power of Satan. Cp. Ex. 32 and the experience of Moses as he descended from

the mount where "the glory of the Lord abode." How needed is it that all those who would fain remain on the top of the mountain, beholding the glory, come down and minister to the awful needs of the people.

V. 18. In Matthew's account the father, in his cry for mercy, speaks of his son as "lunatic." Matt. 17:15. His affliction seems to have been what we would call today epilepsy, a disease so hopeless from the human standpoint, but not when brought to Jesus then or now. How glorious to be able to carry to similarly afflicted ones the message of assurance "They could not." Cp. Mark 6:7, "He gave them authority over unclean spirits." Over how many of the Lord's children, in the face of similar misery, could be written, "they could not." The promise stands, in spite of the efforts of critics, "These signs shall follow them that believe; in My name shall they cast out demons" (Mark 16:17).

V. 19. "Bring him unto Me." "They brought him unto Him." That is all the need.

Vs. 21-22. Perhaps the "if" with which the father begins a prayer for help voices a doubt which came into his heart through the faithlessness and failure of the disciples. Let us take warning lest we cause unbelief—that sin which so easily bests us—to take a firmer hold on hearts and lives about us.

V. 23. In answer to the man's "if" of doubt, note Jesus' reply, "If thou canst believe," etc., as if He said, "It is not a question of what I can do, but of what thou canst believe. My power is exercised in response to faith." Would that we could meditate on this verse until our Lord's statement that "all things are possible to him that believeth" grips our whole being. So the father puts forth the little faith he had, and throws himself upon the Lord to sustain him and increase that faith. Let us do the same.

V. 25. The enemy has awful power but must obey the word of command from our Lord. He must today obey the word of command given "in the name of Jesus." It is a permanent work that is accomplished—"Enter no more into him."

In the spiritual world, failure has but one cause—want of faith. We are clearly taught the omnipotence of faith—"Nothing shall be impossible unto you." That faith in us grow prayer is a necessity, and for the true deep prayer life fasting is a help. There is implication here that the disciples had grown careless in their spiritual lives, and hence the defeat in the presence of their enemies. How all important is the sustained habit of prayer and close touch with God.—Susan C. Easton.

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PROCRASTINATION.

"Seek ye the Lord while He may be found.
Call ye upon Him while He is near." Isa. 55:6. See also Eccl. 12:1, etc.; Prov. 1:28-29.
He meant to seek God sometime
When he felt in proper mood,
For his conscience told him plainly
That his record was not good.
Yes he knew that God was writing
Every idle thought and word,
And he knew the faintest whisper
Of his heart by Him was heard.

Knew that every secret intent—
Every hidden purpose here
God was writing down on record,
And some day it would appear
At the throne of final judgment
And be manifest to all.
So he meant to seek God sometime
And upon His name would call.

"Yes, some other time will suffice.
I am young and hearty yet."—
Thus he thought and mused within him,
"There is joy I still must get
In the paths of youthful pleasure;
And I cannot understand
Why they say that 'life is fleeting
And is measured by a span.'"

"My intentions all are good ones,
And I mean to turn away
When the joyful days are over
And my hair is turning gray;
When my step is slow and feeble
And I lean on staff or rod,
I will listen to the preacher,
And will give my heart to God."

But to man it is not given
To decide the day of death,
And our lives on earth are measured
By a heart-beat and a breath.
Like the leaves in early autumn
Some will fall before the rest;
And it pays to hear God's message
Ere death comes upon his quest.

So one day he heard a whisper
In the chambers of his heart,
That his days on earth had ended
And from loved ones he must part.
"Now," thought he, "I'll seek the Saviour,
He will surely take me in;
Now I'll give my heart to Jesus,
And forsake the paths of sin."

Then he prayed—but got no answer,
And his heart seemed strangely cold,
He was dying! surely dying!
And was still outside the fold.
Ah, a terror seizes on him!
And he tosses to and fro,
"God! O God, have mercy on me!
Save me, God, before I go!"

"See the yawning pit of darkness!
'Tis a chasm of despair!
Demons come to drag me downward,
God! O God, hear Thou my prayer!"
But there came no peace unto him,
God seemed deaf, tho' loud he cried,
Death had called him when not ready,
So in sin's dark grasp he died.

—Wm. Burton McCafferty.

FIELD REPORTS.

Stanley, Mo. Have just returned back home from Stanley school house, located five miles south of Portageville, Mo. We preached four sermons and God revealed Himself in a very marked way Sunday evening. We held services at a home where there was a young man who has been afflicted for two years, and after preaching, the young man decided, with his sister and another woman, to give their lives to God. After prayer we began to sing and they yielded to Jesus and He saved them. And such shouts! Oh glory it was good to be there! At the services that night at the school house there were four at the altar, one for salvation, and three for the baptism; pray for them and us.—L. W. Clarke and wife.

Alton, Ill. Meeting closed the ten baptisms and about equal number of conversions. Two have received the baptism since. Several to be baptized tomorrow night. Pray for us that God may continue to work.—A. W. Kortkamp.

East St. Louis, Ill. We have moved our hall to 136 South Main St., and God is working in a wonderful way. In the last few days three have received the Holy Ghost, four have been saved and several healed. One little girl came on crutches and went home with them under her arm. Praise God!—C. F. Lineberger.

Couch, Mo. We are glad to report victory here in a campaign which began February 25th. God has put His seal upon every service, six have received the baptism, several have been saved, and there is good interest. There were twenty-two at the altar last night. Sister Zola Taylor and Sister Mabel Scott of Hoxie, Ark., have been with us the past two weeks and God has blessed their efforts. Bro. John T. Wilson of Thayer has been with us a few days and we expect God to keep sending us laborers, and keep the meeting going. Yesterday, Sunday, Sister Taylor delivered a missionary message on Matt. 28:19-20. Sobs and cries went out for lost souls, and as the offering for missionaries was laid on the Bible, we as saints lifted up our voices to God who made both heaven and earth, and to Him whom our soul loveth. The offering amounted to \$20.75. Pray for this place.—Evangelist Silas K. Biffle and wife.

Portland, Oregon. God is pouring out His Spirit here in a mighty way. There have been about one hundred and fifteen who have received the baptism in the Spirit speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance since October 3rd last. Souls are being saved at almost every meeting.

There have been many healings during the past six weeks. One sister came who was suffering with liver and stomach trouble; the poison had scattered all through her system and she could only eat cereals and boiled food. All kinds of money have been spent to get relief, but she only got worse. Her last doctor recommended an operation, but said it would be months before she could be around again and she decided it would be better to die and be through with it all. When she came to be prayed for, she said she was sick from head to foot. She did not like to come because she thought we were crazy and deluded, but when she came to Jesus He took all that out of her and she was healed instantly. In a few days she received her baptism, and now she can't praise God enough for what He has done for her. She thinks now that she was the one

that was deluded, but now is clothed in her right mind, sitting at the feet of Jesus.

The next one was a woman who had hemorrhoids and cancer of the breast. She was to be operated on the following Tuesday and was prayed for on Friday and was instantly healed. She was saved the same night and is now seeking the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The last one was a sister who was brought to Portland on a stretcher. She could not walk. She had come to the doctors and was suffering with tuberculosis. They took her to the home of one of the saints and some other saints went out to pray for her. In a few days she was down at the mission and even walked up the stairway by herself. She is now praising the Lord for healing.

Jesus is doing a wonderful work through this mission, of which Bro. Trotter is pastor, and there are hundreds being healed through anointed handkerchiefs. (See Acts 19:12.)

The street meetings are increasing in power and attendance. We have two every night and three on Sundays. It is wonderful how the sinners crowd around and block the sidewalks to see the demonstrations of God's mighty power. Then they crowd up to the hall, filling every seat, on Sundays especially.—Sister Carrie Pride, 565 Hood St., Portland, Ore.

RUSSELLVILLE BIBLE SCHOOL.

The Russellville Bible School opened with a good attendance from different parts of the State of Arkansas and some from Oklahoma and Texas. God blessed in a remarkable way from the very start. Brother S. A. Jamieson of Tulsa, Okla., had charge of the school. There were sixty-five visitors, and with the Home Assembly we had a good class. Meals were on the free will offering plan and God wonderfully supplied every need. Sometimes the table expenses were \$18 per day, but the dear Lord was a present help in time of need. Souls sought God in the night services and some plowed through to victory. On the second Sunday of the meeting, Bro. Jamieson preached from this text, "Thou shalt have no other God beside Me." The Lord placed His seal on this service and at the close of the sermon we took up a missionary offering of \$67.00, besides a number of rings, gold pins, chains and bracelets. There was a mighty shedding of the weights, and the gods of gold were sacrificed and the true God was honored. It was wonderful how the power fell. It is no trouble to touch heaven's door if we get everything between us and God out of the way. If you do not get an answer to your prayers take an invoice of the stock of goods you have on hand and if there is anything in your life that is questionable, clean up. Amen! At the close of the school, the state council convened and God blessed.—E. R. Fitzgerald.

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GOD ANSWERS PRAYER.

Colorado Springs, Colo. Our church was praying for a revival and I asked the congregation how many really wanted one, and of course all hands went up. On Sunday I asked how many would pray three times as much the coming week as they had done the past week, and see what the Lord would do in one week, and most of the hands went up again. Well right then a revival spirit broke out. By Friday night the Lord had sent us Pastor H. J. Richardson, from Denver, and Evangelist Walter Martin, the man who was born blind, whom Jesus healed, and the power of God fell, and many received healing from the Lord. On Sunday, the mighty power of God fell, and it has fallen in every meeting after that for four weeks. Hallelujah! About fifteen were saved and reclaimed, ten baptized in the Holy Ghost, and I have baptized twelve in water.

One woman came down to be healed of a tumor in the stomach. She was anointed, hands were laid on her and she was prayed for, and the Lord wonderfully healed her and filled her with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4.

One woman got so happy and so near her Lord that He baptized her with the Holy Ghost while standing over her washtub.

One dear woman came to the altar but she doubted that the Pentecostal experience was for her. She went home and took up her Bible and her eyes fell on the words of James 1:8. She laid her Bible on the table at the head of her bed and went to sleep and woke up along in the night with her Bible open and clasped tight to her breast, and was praying in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

We have just organized a State Council and we will welcome any real Holy Ghost evangelist who is in full fellowship with the General Council. This is a big State with only three missions, Denver, Pueblo, and Colorado Springs. Do you want a place to preach?—Pastor M. T. Draper.

NEWS FROM ARGENTINA.

25 de Mayo, F. C. S., Argentina, So. America. "Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name." How good it is when we can praise Him that way! Every string on the harp in tune, a harp with ten strings, corresponding to the gift of the Holy Spirit, and His nine gifts, as some one has put it. How sweet to live in fellowship with Jesus! It is worth more, infinitely more, than what it costs us of reproach from those who despise us "Pentecostallers." Hallelujah! God is richly blessing us here, and we are seeing Him work in a deeper way in the hearts of the converts here, and in ourselves as well. We are pressing on for His best. At the close of the old year God removed some of the barriers, and this New Year has been full of heavenly fruit for the glory of Jesus. His power falls in our midst like the dew of heaven. We are holding, besides our three public services, three tarrying meetings a week.

The native helpers I had last year, backslid, I regret to say, after they got married, but God removed them, and sent me Brother and Sister Ryder, from Cleveland, Tenn. They had been in the country nearly five months when they came to visit me. I invited them to stay on with me while they learn Spanish. He preaches now, while I interpret for him. I have given him liberty to teach, with the result that our people are consecrating themselves to God as never before, and God is wonderfully meeting them. None have received the full consummation of the baptism yet, but they are coming much nearer during these special meetings, so some have experienced much of the power of God already. Please unite in praying that many may now be saved fully, and filled with the Spirit in the good old way.

There is a great amount of sickness here, especially a malignant fever among the children. I feel so disgusted with my slowness of heart to believe for the "greater works" that Jesus promised we would do. We need to see the signs and wonders here, more than we have yet seen. Please take hold in earnest prayer for us all. I praise Him for healing my own body, so I have better health now than since I came to the Argentine eight years ago. I do praise and glorify Him for this.

Another request for prayer. A girl eighteen years of age, who was baptized in this city several years ago, but backslid, seems to be demon possessed, and makes their home almost unbearable for the widowed mother, and other four children. Pray that she may be delivered, and that peace may be established in the home. They are in great poverty besides; I have Julia, a girl sixteen years of age, with me often times. She is very different from her older sister. Is a helpful little missionary to us, is now seeking the Pentecostal baptism, also her mother and younger sister. The interest is good in our services, two have been converted lately, and though the enemy has assailed, God is keeping us firm in the faith, going steadily on, contending earnestly for the faith once delivered unto the saints. God is so wonderfully faithful in every way. Praise Him forever.—Yours gratefully in Christ, Alice C. Wood.

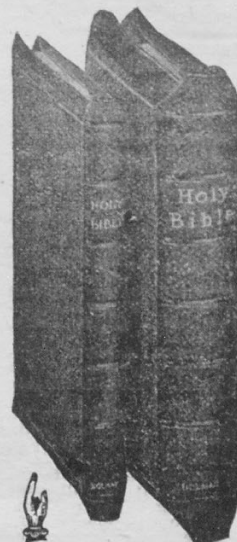
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Please pray for wife and me, we are sick.—C. A. B., Russellville, Ark.

Please pray that I may have a car to use for the glory of God.—A. F. J.

Pray for my healing, that Jesus will touch my body.—M. H., Dundee, Ill.

Please pray for a professing Christian whose mind is not right and knows he is lost. Pray, pray, pray.

Please pray that the Lord's will may be done here at Cape Fair, Mo., and that souls may be saved.—R. M. O.

I want to ask prayers for the healing of my husband who has been afflicted for some time.—A. M. H., Tamoko, Ark.

Please keep on praying for complete victory for my body, and for my husband's and daughter's salvation.—Mrs. T. L., Alameda.

Prayer is requested for the wife of a Baptist minister who is suffering with consumption.—Evang. W. W. R., McCurtain, Okla.

Pray for Pine Valley and for myself and family that we may receive the full baptism of the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. C. D., Halfway, Oregon.

Please pray that I may get healed of rheumatism, and pray for my boy who is in a backslidden condition.—E. McD., Mountain View, Mo.

Pray for a sister who is seriously ill, chronic stomach trouble, nerves and brain affected. She is a Christian.—F. L. Burpee, Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C.

Please pray that I may be restored to the joy of my salvation. Lost it by following wrong leadings and leaning to my own understanding.—A sister, Los Angeles, Calif.

Miss Lucy M. Leatherman writes from Buenos Aires in the Argentine, "Pray for two men and their wives who are missionaries that they will yield up and receive the baptism."

Please pray for my mother who has a severe attack of catarrh of the head, and also a very bad hurting in her left side which has the symptoms of a cancer.—C. H. D., Fruitdale, Ind.

Pray that I may be able to concentrate my thoughts on prayer and receive the Holy Ghost. Also that my mother's vision may become clear. Her eyes are affected with cataracts.—S. S.

Please pray for me, have not the peace and joy that others speak of and do not know if I am saved or not. Please pray that God will give me the witness that I may know.—N. J. W.

Pray for my healing from a nervous breakdown and that I may have the joy of salvation restored. I have been lost out and have been very much distressed over it.—S. M., St. Clinton, Okla.

Pray for Sister McPherson and for a big tent for her coming camp meeting at Philadelphia, Pa., for Bro. Andrew Urshan, and for the World-wide revival fire to fall in mighty power.—W. H. Standley, Watertown, N. Y.

Please pray for my unsaved children, especially for my son who is in training camp. Pray for his salvation and he may be baptized with the Holy Ghost, and that I may have power in prayer.—Mrs. E. M. T., Emmett, Ark.

Bro. and Sister William H. Johnson of West Africa write, "Pray for one of our native boys who fell from a palm tree and was hurt badly, that he may be restored to perfect health. He is one of God's chosen vessels."

Please request prayer for me as I am still afflicted, have been so over two years with a complication of troubles, constipation, torpid liver, female trouble stomach trouble, hardening of the arteries, with severe head trouble.—I. R.

Please publish a request for prayer for my mother's salvation, also for three brothers and two sisters. Pray earnestly that God will baptize me with the Holy Ghost and fire, and that He may use me for His glory.—D. W., Kirwin, Kans.

Please pray that God will give me a home near my husband's parents, that we may be able to live there this spring. Also pray for my father, sister, and two brothers that they will get close to Jesus and be saved.—Mrs. H. N., North Dakota.

I am suffering very much with internal troubles. The Lord once healed me of this trouble, but by a terrible fall I got hurt again and do wish to be delivered of this suffering. Please remember me in prayer.—Mrs. F. S., Parry Sound, Ont.

Pray God will send a Pentecostal evangelist to Lake Yorth, Fla. Please pray for a lady who has female trouble that God will heal her, that God will take all fear out of her heart. Pray for me that I may be healed. Pray for a brother who has disappeared that God will save him wherever he is and deliver him from the drink habit.

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